

Constantinople into Green and Blue into Orthodox or Arian. These were Mediterranean fruits of the emulative impulse that in present day England gives life to games, and makes football matches so immensely attractive. Political parties generally assume that their differences represent some questions of importance: there is, indeed, a natural rivalry between those who possess and those who wish to possess: and a philosopher may distinguish Conservatives and Liberals as actuated, respectively, by devotion to habit and by the spirit of change. But party feeling needs no solid nourishment. In Latin countries the politicians who are in and who are out of office have rarely represented anything but themselves: it would distract most Americans to define the difference between Republican and Democrat: if Ireland secures Home Rule, the Unionist party will change its name but not lose its adherents.

But party feeling is not hastily to be condemned because its energizing impulses are profitless in themselves. It is of advantage to the State that the ministry in office should work in the light of jealous criticism. Periodical oscillations in the drift of policy keep alive a healthy spirit of change, afford hopeful prospects for those who are discontented, and are an invaluable safeguard against violent revolutions. It may, moreover, be held that the emulative spirit, as the driving

force of a nation's development. has
less harmful
possibilities than the spirit of self-
interest which
would take its place were the voters
enrolled. not
in one of ⁱ other of two large political
parties. but
amongst a number of groups, each of
which
represented a separate class of the
community.
It must, however, be admitted that ^{for}
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